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DEPT PASS DEPT OF TREASURY AND USDOC WASHDC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.), EEWT, UR, US

SUBJECT:OFFICIAL VISIT BY SECRETARY OF TREASURY WILLIAM E SIMON

REF (A) STATE 278561, (B) STATE 277154

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY OF TREASURY SIMON AND HAS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH MFT CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FOR 10:30 A.M. NOVEMBER 15.

2. CONCERNING ACCOMODATIONS FOR SECRETARY AND PARTY, SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET OFFERED GUEST HOUSE BUT MAY BE PLANNING TO DO SO. IF THEY SHOULD DO SO, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON, MR. AND MRS. SEIDMAN, MR. PARSKY AND MR. AND MRS. JONES THERE. CHIEF DRAWBACK TO LOCATION AT GUEST HOUSE IS DISTANCE FROM SOVETSKAYA HOTEL, WHERE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD, AND SOME POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY IN MAINTAINING TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION IN VIEW DEPARTURE FROM POST OF EMBASSY'S ONLY EXPERIENCED TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN. ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE LOCATION OF ENTIRE PARTY AT A HOTEL, SUCH AS SOVETSKAYA, WHERE CORPORATE

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CHAIRMEN ATTENDING TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL SESSION WILL BE

STAYING. WE ARE NOT SURE, HOWEVER, WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO PLACE ENTIRE PARTY HERE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE ROSSIYA, PARTICULARLY IF SECRETARY AND RANKING ASSOCIATES ARE SITED AT GUEST HOUSE. ROSSIYA IS ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES DRIVE FROM EMBASSY, TWENTY MINUTES FROM SOVETSKAYA, BUT CONVENIENT TO DOWNTOWN MOSCOW. A THIRD POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON TO STAY AT SPASO HOUSE. IN VIEW OF NEEDS FOR SECRET SERVICE COVERAGE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ALL THREE RANKING ASSOCIATIONS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED AT SPASO. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADVICE ON SECRETARY'S PREFERENCES, HOPEFULLY PRIOR TO MONDAY MEETING AT MFT.

3. WITH REFERENCE TO POSSIBILITY OF LUNCH OR DINNER, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE DINNER TO BE HOSTED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV WILL BE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, FOR JOINT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF ANY PLAN BY MINISTER PATOLICHEV TO HOST A SMALLER DINNER FOR SECRETARY SIMON ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, AND IN THIS RESPECT NOTE PLANS FOR INFORMAL RECEPTION HOSTED BY COUNCIL AT INTOURIST HOTEL AT 7:00 P.M. WE MAY BE INFORMED BY MFT ON NOV. 15 THAT MINISTER PATOLICHEV WOULD LIKE TO HOST SMALL DINNER THAT EVENING. IF NOT, WOULD SECRETARY SIMON WISH TO HOST A DINNER OF HIS OWN? IN THIS CONNECTION IT MIGHT BE THOUGHT APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO SOVIET OFFICIALS THOSE CORPORATE EXECUTIVES AND WIVES WHO WOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY THAT TIME. (WHILE WE CANNOT BE SURE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 12-15 EXECUTIVES AND 7 OR 8 WIVES MIGHT BE INVOLVED). EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT 2:00 P.M. OPENING OF JOINT COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 30 WOULD GIVE TIME FOR LUNCH AT SPASO HOUSE ON THAT DATE. ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE FOR SECRETARY TO HOST CATERED LUNCH AT SOVETSKAYA HOTEL ON NOVEMBER 30. THIS WOULD ELIMINATE TIME PROBLEM BUT WOULD MAKE IT EVEN MORE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE CORPORATE CHAIRMEN AND WIVES, OF WHOM PRESUMABLY MORE THAN TWENTY PLUS WIVES WOULD HAVE ARRIVED BY THAT TIME IN MOSCOW AND BE AT THE HOTEL. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST ADVICE AS TO WHETHER SECRETARY WISHES TO HOST LUNCH OR DINNER, WHETHER IT WOULD BE LIMITED TO SOVIET OFFICIALS (AND PERHAPS MESSRS. KENDALL AND SCOTT) OR OPEN TO CHAIRMEN, AND WHETHER WIVES ARE TO BE INCLUDED.

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4. WE HAVE INFORMALLY MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF JOINT STATEMENT TO MFT. MFT INQUIRES WHETHER STATEMENT IS TO BE ON BEHALF OF USG OR ON BEHALF OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. ONCE IT HAS OUR PROPOSED LANGUAGE, IT WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO COMMENT AS TO APPROPRIATENESS OF JOINT STATEMENT.

5. WE HAVE REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL BREZH-

NEV AND MINISTER PATOLICHEV. IN VIEW OF ARRIVAL TIME, WE BELIEVE NO MEETINGS COULD BE SCHEDULED ON NOV. 29 BEFORE 4:30 P.M. WITH REFERENCE TO SUGGESTED JOINT MEETING WITH RANKING SOVIET MINISTERS, MFT ADVISES THAT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE. IT STRIKES US THAT SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH CHAIRMAN OF STATE BANK, GOSPLAN AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE MIGHT BE MORE PURPOSEFUL. TO ARRANGE THESE MEETINGS, MFT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECTS SECRETARY SIMON WOULD WISH TO RAISE. THERE ARE LARGE NUMBER OF SOVIET INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES; WE WONDER IF SECRETARY HAS ANY SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST WHERE WE SHOULD DIRECT PARTICULAR REQUEST FOR MEETINGS?

6. SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HERE HAS REQUESTED THAT TREASURY ADVISE COUNCIL OFFICE IN NEW YORK OF NAMES OF TREASURY PERSONNEL (ASIDE FROM PRINCIPALS) WHO WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL SESSIONS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE SUCH A LIST, IF AVAILABLE, TO SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT HERE. IDENTIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ACCESS TO MEETING ROOMS.

7. WE HAVE INFORMED THAT MRS. SIMON, MRS. SEIDMAN AND MRS. JONES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SIGHT-SEEING. IF THEY HAVE ANY PARTICULAR INTERESTS, PLEASE COMMUNICATE THEM TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL TO MFT.

8. EMBASSY FULLY AGREES WITH PROPOSAL PARA 3 REF B THAT CLASSIFIED CONTROL ROOMS OPERATIONS BE LOCATED IN EMBASSY AND THAT ALL CLASSIFIED MATERIAL BE STORED AT EMBASSY. OFFICE AREA DESIGNED FOR CONTROL ROOM IS RESTRICTED AREA OF CHANCERY IS UNDER 24 HOUR MARINE CONTROL. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES POST WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF AMOUNT CLASSIFIED MATERIAL (NUMBER OF FOOT LOCKERS) TO BE TRANSPORTED
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AIRCRAFT TO EMBASSY. PLEASE ADVISE.

9. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHAT DESIRES SECRETARY SIMON HAS WITH REGARD TO PARTICIPATION OF PRESS IN HIS VISIT. WOULD HE EXPECT TO GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, ALONE OR JOINTLY WITH MINISTER PATOLICHEV? WE ASSUME FROM REF A THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT BUT ARE NOT SURE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE MADE IF IT IS PLANNED TO HAVE A JOINT STATEMENT ON NOVEMBER 30. PLEASE ADVISE ABOVE AND ALSO IF ANY PRESS WILL ACCOMPANY SIMON PARTY.

10. FURTHER ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) FORADMIN CONTROL OPS EMBASSY CAN FURNISH CONFERENCE ROOM WITH SOME FORM OF ROOM DIVIDER TO PROVIDE CONTROL ROOMS

1 AND 2. CR 3 WOULD BE SEPARATE ROOM ADJACENT BUT NOT
CONNECTING TO CR 1 AND 2.

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(B) TELEPHONES CAN BE HANDLED WITH NO DIFFICULTY IF HOTEL
USED. FYI - OVERRIDE CIRCUIT CAN BE PROVIDED AT ACCEPTABLE
COST FOR CALLS TO WASHINGTON. DURING PEAK PERIODS IT MAY
TAKE AS LONG AS 25 MINUTES TO PLACE CALL.

(C) DUE TO HEAVY DEMAND DURING THIS PEIOD, CONTROL OFFI-
CERS INTEND ASK HOST GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL ALL VEHICLE
REQUIREMENTS FOR SEDANS FOR PARTY INCLUDING SS. EMBASSY WILL
PRIVIDE VAN/STATION WAGON FOR SECRETARY'S BAGGAGE AND VAN
FOR CLASSIFIED MAIL. ONLY TRUCK AVAILABLE FOR GROUP BAGGAGE
IS DUMP TRUCK WHICH WILL BE USED IF HOST GOVERNMENT CANNOT
FURNISH TRUCK. ASSUME SECRETARY WILL USE AMBASSADOR'S CAR
FOR HIS TRAVEL.

(D) IF VEHICLES NOT PROVIDED EMBASSY PLANS
RENT CARS FROM INTOURIST USING FUND CITE PROVIDED BY TREASURY.

(E) DATA ON HOTELS, ELECTRICAL CURRENT,ETC. WILL BE
FORWARDED WHEN KNOWN.

(F) SIGHTSEEING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH
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INTOURIST. THIS WILL REQUIRE PREPAYMENT. REQUEST SENIOR
PARTY MEMBRS AND DEPENDENTS INDICATE DESIRED TOURS IF
ANY AND IDEA OF TIME WHEN THEY MAY BE SCHEDULED.

11. WITH VIEW TO FACILITATING ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR VISIT. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN ADVANCE
MAN FROM TREASURY ARRIVE A FEW WORKING DAYS BEFORE THE 29TH.
IF FEASIBLE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE.

12. CONTROL OFFICER FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT IS E/C COUNSELOR
KENNETH N. SKOUG JR., (OFFICE PHONE 252-00-11, EXT 261;
HOME PHONE 133-9681). SECRETARIAT CONTROL OFFICER IS FIRST
SECRETARY LINWOOD STARBIRD (OFFICE EXTENSION 265; HOME PHONE
134-6050). ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OFFICER IS FIRST SECRE-
TARY JOSEPH HULINGS (OFFICE EXTENSION 218; HOME PHONE IS
243-9815). CONSULAR DUTY OFFICER FOR VISIT IS SECOND
SECRETARY MARTHA D. PETERSON, OFFICE EXTENSION 230, HOME
PHONE 134-6060).

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